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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Scott BARHAM et al

Serial No.: 09/701,160

Filed: November 17, 2000

DEXTRAN STARCH AND FLOCCULANT
COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING RED MUD
CLARIFICATION

Attorney Docket: TJK/135

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Hruskoci

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is the reply to the Official Action mailed February 4, 2002 noting the initial term for response expires May 4, 2002. Please find attached a request in duplicate for a one-month extension bringing the response term up to June 4, 2002. Also, a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of said extension is enclosed.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIM

A. Claim 1. (Once Amended) A method for treating Bayer process liquor containing red mud comprising contacting the Bayer process liquor with, in combination, an effective amount of a water soluble synthetic flocculant, dextran and starch prior to separating the red mud from the liquor.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1-15 are currently before the Examiner in the instant application.

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